

## **An Important Message from Dallas Hammit, Deputy Director of Transportation**

### ***Resolve to be a safer driver in 2015***

This year is winding down and I'm guessing that many of you are already thinking about what's ahead in 2015. Maybe, you've even decided on some resolutions for the new year.

Before we reach January 1, I'd like to offer a suggestion and ask that you make safer driving the focus of at least one of your goals for 2015 because no matter how cautious a driver you are, there's always room for some improvement.

If you need some ideas for some specific resolutions, I recommend visiting the [Driving Safety Home message archive](#). There you'll find information on how to avoid driving distractions, rules for sharing the road, a message on the importance of seat belts and more.

While I hope you'll all join with me in resolving to make 2015 a safer year, we also want to make sure that 2014 ends on a safe note as we head to and from all the end-of-the-year festivities coming our way.

### **Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over**

Traditionally, New Year's Eve ranks up there as one of the deadliest days for drunk-driving crashes in the United States.

Before you head out on the road this holiday season, it's worth taking some time to plan ahead. If you're attending a holiday party or New Year's Eve celebration, make sure you have a safe ride home. Mothers Against Drunk Driving presents tips to [ring in the New Year safely](#) and has a helpful [Safe Party Guide](#). The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's [Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#) campaign also offers useful statistics and information.

Finally, I'd like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dallas Hammit". The signature is stylized, with a large, sweeping "D" and a star-like flourish at the end of the name.